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WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT FROM MAY FORECAST

The 2003 Kansas wheat crop is forecast at 426.8 million bushels as of June 1. The current estimate is up 10 percent from the May 1 estimate and 60 percent above the 2002 crop. The current crop is projected to be harvested from 9.7 million acres, up 1.6 million acres from a year ago. This will be the largest acreage harvested since 1998. Yield per harvested acre is expected to average 44.0 bushels, up 4.0 bushels from the May forecast and 11.0 bushels above the 2002 final yield. As of June 1, wheat condition was rated 12 percent excellent, 40 percent good, 30 percent fair, 13 percent poor, and 5 percent very poor.

Wheat heading was virtually complete and 37 percent of the crop had begun to turn color. This is ahead of the 36 percent in 2002 but behind the five-year average of 42 percent. Temperatures were moderate during May and the State received wide-spread scattered showers throughout the month. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Last year, topsoil moisture was 19 percent very short, 18 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

KANSAS WHEAT PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2003

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	% of Prev. Yr	2002	2003	2002	2003	% of Prev. Yr
WINTER WHEAT	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Percent			Bushels		1,000 Bushels Percent		
Northwest	1,060	1,060	920	995	108	29	42	26,440	42,200	160
West Central	1,200	1,240	885	1,180	133	27	38	23,865	45,400	190
Southwest	1,545	1,750	1,010	1,565	155	27	33	27,215	52,400	193
North Central	1,230	1,390	1,120	1,340	120	38	49	42,885	65,700	153
Central	1,460	1,500	1,400	1,440	103	37	48	51,220	69,800	136
South Central	2,195	2,340	1,900	2,185	115	33	47	61,755	102,600	166
Northeast	150	200	145	195	134	49	52	7,165	10,200	142
East Central	224	270	215	265	123	40	49	8,605	13,100	152
Southeast	536	550	505	535	106	36	47	18,150	25,400	140
State	9,600	10,300	8,100	9,700	120	33	44	267,300	426,800	160

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.63 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 42 percent above 2002. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Hard Red production is up 7 percent from a month ago to 1.01 billion bushels. Soft Red is down 1 percent from last month, and now totals 368 million bushels. White production totals 253 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month. Forecasted head counts from the Objec-

tive Yield surveys in the six Hard Red Winter states (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are above last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are also above last year's level, except in Texas.

Most of the growing region received adequate moisture during the month, except in Texas where dry conditions continue to persist. In Kansas, widespread rains received Statewide during May helped to boost crop conditions in the central and eastern parts of the State.



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WINTER WHEAT, KANSAS AND SELECTED STATES, JUNE 1, 2003

State	Acreage			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	Harvested 2002	For Harvest 2003	% of Prev. Yr.	2002	2003	2002	2003	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Acres		Percent	Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Percent
KANSAS	8,100	9,700	120	33.0	44.0	267,300	426,800	160
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	134	28.0	36.0	98,000	169,200	173
Washington	1,750	1,800	103	59.0	62.0	103,250	111,600	108
Texas	2,700	3,700	137	29.0	29.0	78,300	107,300	137
Colorado	1,650	2,200	133	22.0	33.0	36,300	72,600	200
Nebraska	1,520	1,650	109	32.0	44.0	48,640	72,600	149
Ohio	810	960	119	62.0	68.0	50,220	65,280	130
Montana	750	1,700	227	28.0	38.0	21,000	64,600	308
Idaho	690	710	103	79.0	82.0	54,510	58,220	107
S. Dakota	625	1,440	230	29.0	40.0	18,125	57,600	318
United States	29,651	36,447	123	38.5	44.6	1,142,802	1,626,376	142

1/ Selected states based on top 10 states according to production of winter wheat.